

**Amendments to the Specification:**

The listing of specifications will replace all prior versions, and listings, of specifications in the application:

**Listing of Specifications:**

On page 8, beginning with line 18, please replace paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

The friction material 10 has an outer edge 14, an inner edge 16, and a plurality of connected sections 18 which are defined by a desired number of oil localization slots 20. As can readily be seen by referring to the figures and for ease of discussion herein, the reference numerals 20 and 120 will be generally used to describe features common to the inner slots 20' and 120' and the outer slots, 20 and 120. The friction material 10 thus comprises a plurality of attached sections 18 separated by individual slots 20. In the embodiment shown, the friction material 10 has alternating slots ~~20 and 20'~~ 20' and 20, which alternately radiate from the inner edge 16 in a direction toward the outer edge 14 or radiate from the outer edge 14 in a direction toward the inner edge 16, respectively.

On page 9, beginning with line 3, please replace paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

The desired number of slots 20 in a friction material 10 is determined by the end use application and can be is determined by dividing the 360 by the amount of space between adjacent slots to give the number of oil localization slots desired. For example, in the embodiment shown in the figures herein, ~~360—24~~  $360 \div 24$  = 15 oil localization slots.

On page 10, beginning with line 28, please replace paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

The oil localization slots have a desired specific shape in order to direct the flow of oil into the oil reservoir 36. The oil is then partially held in the reservoir 36 and prevented from flowing back out and away from the friction surface by the retention side of the slot. This retention side is determined by the direction of rotation of the end use product; that is, in the ~~Fig. 1~~ Fig. 3, the direction of rotation is generally shown by the arrow A. The retention side of the slot 20 is the leading edge of the slot 20, and a wiping, or clearing, edge is the trailing edge of the slot 20. Thus, in the slot 20', the retention edge is 23' and the wiping, or clearing, edge is 22'. It is to be understood that, in certain embodiments, the retention and wiping edges are determined by the direction of rotation of the end use product. The wiping edges of the slots 20 are used for clearing the oil from the friction surface during use. For example, when the friction material is used with a synchronizer, this allows the friction material and mating component to generate a frictional contact and resulting torque between the two mating components, which can be either the gear cone of connection components of a multi cone synchronizer.

On page 12, beginning with line 3, please replace paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

The friction material 110 has an outer edge 114, an inner edge 116, and a plurality of connected sections 118 which are defined by a desired number of oil localization slots 120. The friction material 110 thus comprises a plurality of attached sections 118 separated by individual slots 120. In the embodiment shown, the friction material 110 has alternating

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slots ~~120 and 120'~~ 120' and 120, which alternately radiate from the inner edge 116 in a direction toward the outer edge 114 or radiate from the outer edge 114 in a direction toward the inner edge 116, respectively.

On page 12, beginning with line 17, please replace paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

The desired number of slots 120 in a friction material 110 is determined by the end use application and can be is determined by dividing the 360 by the amount of space between adjacent slots to give the number of oil localization slots desired. For example, ~~360-24~~  $360 \div 24 = 15$  oil localization slots.